



***Special Olympics***  
***Connecticut***

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Volunteer Presentation  
Participate Once, be Inspired Forever

# Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT)

- Over 6,324 athletes state wide
- Over 6,660 Unified® Partners
- Volunteer Coaches and Local Coordinators
- Five major state competitions each year
- 25 sports offered
- 73 Tournaments & Competitions
- Staff of 30 full-time employees
- Website – [www.soct.org](http://www.soct.org)



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# Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT) Volunteer Information

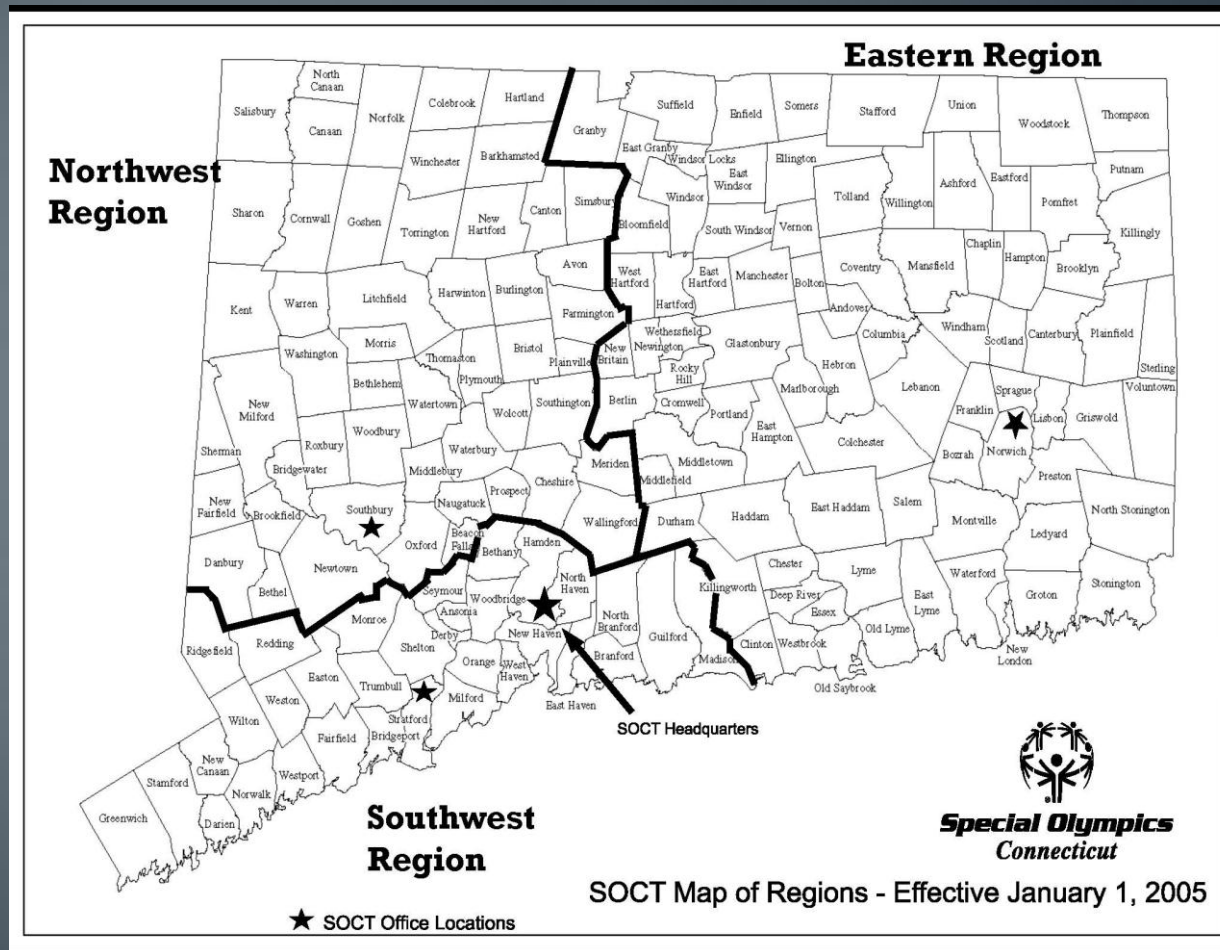
- Almost 10,000 volunteers in 2011
- 1200 Coaches
- 3,138 volunteers between the ages of 12 – 25



# Organization of Special Olympics



# Special Olympics Connecticut



### Winter Games:

Alpine Skiing\*  
Figure Skating  
Curling

Cross-Country Skiing\*  
Floor Hockey\*  
Snowshoeing\*

Snowboarding  
Speed Skating\*

### Summer Games:

Aquatics\*  
Athletics\*

Cycling\*  
Soccer\*

Tennis\*  
Gymnastics

### Fall Sports Festival:

Golf\*

Sailing\*

Softball\*

Bocce\*

### Holiday Sports Classic:

Basketball\*

Volleyball\*

Bowling\*

Powerlifting\*

Flag Football

\*Sports that offer Traditional and Unified®



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# Unified® Sports

- Athletes
- Unified® Partners
- Unified Partners ® recruited from schools, corporations, civic groups or other community organizations
- Athletes and Unified® Partners are of similar age and ability level
- Teammates and friends...on and off the field
- 395 Unified Teams





# Benefits of Volunteering

- Share your knowledge/love of sport
- Make new friends
- Get a t-shirt and credential
- Complete service hours
- Give back to community
- Team building for corporations
- Participate Once, be Inspired Forever





## Competition Volunteers

- Class “A” Volunteers:
  - Coaches & Assistant Coaches
  - Unified® Partners
  - Local Coordinators
  - Chaperones
  - Medical & Security Personnel
- Class “B” Volunteers: (Day of volunteers)
  - Athlete Escort
  - Lane/Line Judge
  - Score/Time Keepers
  - Announcers
  - Food Services
  - Awards



# Special Events/Fundraising Volunteers

- 10 Penguin Plunges held statewide
- Support the event as a volunteer
- Form a team and take the plunge!
  - Compete with other clubs
  - Utilize Facebook to raise money
- Every dollar you raise goes to helping our athletes train and compete.



# Registering to Volunteer!

## If you are an Individual

- Get your hands on a Volunteer Application
  - You can find it online at [www.soct.org/involved/volunteer.shtml](http://www.soct.org/involved/volunteer.shtml)
  - You can email [volunteer@soct.org](mailto:volunteer@soct.org)
  - You can call 203-230-1201 ex 246 and leave your address (one will be mailed to you)
- Fill out the volunteer application and send it in
  - You can fax it to 203-230-1202
  - You can mail it to Special Olympics CT, 2666 State Street, Suite 1, Hamden, CT 06517-2232
  - You can email it to [volunteer@soct.org](mailto:volunteer@soct.org)
- Then all you have to do is wait!
  - 2 to 3 weeks prior to the event you will receive a confirmation email or letter with directions and instructions
- Arrive at venue and have a blast!!

## If you are a group

- Determine who your group leader is
- Notify them that you are interested in volunteering
- The group leader will need to notify SOCT a month in advance that your group is interested in volunteering
  - They can contact Katie Femiak
    - Email - [kathrynf@soct.org](mailto:kathrynf@soct.org)
    - Phone – 203-230-1201 ex 224
    - Fax – 203-230-1202
  - Receive a group registration form
- The group registration form must be handed in at least 2 weeks in advance
- Next wait to receive directions and information for the day from your group leader
- Arrive at the venue and have a blast!

# In-Kind Value for 2011 Volunteers

- \$946,085.77 – Donated Material and Services
- \$4,601,127.99 – Volunteer Hours

**Total In-Kind = \$5,547,213.76**

